9. An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding an ALK-3 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of murine ALK-3 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 14 or the sequence of human ALK-3 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 6.

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An isolated and purified ALK-3 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of murine ALK-3 as shown in SEQ ID O: 14 or the sequence of human ALK-3 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 6.

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An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding an ALK-6 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of murine ALK-6 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 18.

12. An isolated and purified ALK-6 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of murine ALK-6 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 18.

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- 3. A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.
- 14. A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 3.
- 15. A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 5.
- 16. A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 7.
- 17. A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 9.
- $=/\sqrt{1}$ 18. A vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 11.

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CLAIMS

- An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding an ALK-1 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of murine ALK-1 as shown in SEQ IN NO: 12 or the sequence of human ALK-1 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.
 - 2. An isolated ALK-1 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of murine ALK-1 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 12 or the sequence of human ALK-1 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2.
 - 3. An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding an ALK-4 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of murine ALK-4 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 16 or the sequence of human ALK-4 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 8.
 - 4. An isolated ALK-4 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of murine ALK-4 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 16 or the sequence of human ALK-4 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 8.
 - An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding an ALK-5 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of human ALK-5 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 10.
 - An isolated ALK-5 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of human ALK-5 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 10.
 - 7. An isolated nucleic acid molecule encoding an ALK-2 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of human ALK-2 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 4.
 - 8. An isolated ALK-2 polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of human ALK-2 as shown in SEQ ID NO: 4.

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- 19. The vector of claim 13, further comprising operation elements to direct expression of the nucleic acid in a suitable host cell.
- No. The vector of claim 14, further comprising operation elements to direct expression of the nucleic acid in a suitable host cell.
- The vector of claim 15, further comprising operation elements to direct expression of the nucleic acid in a suitable host cell.
 - 22. The vector of claim 16, further comprising operation elements to direct expression of the nucleic acid in a suitable host cell.
- The vector of claim 17, further comprising operation elements to direct expression of the nucleic acid in a suitable host cell.
- The vector of claim 18, further comprising operation elements to direct expression of the nucleic acid in a suitable host cell.
 - 25. An isolated nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule having the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 or 11 under stringent conditions, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule has a sequence complementary to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 or 11.
 - An isolated nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule having the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 7 or 15 under stringent conditions, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule has a sequence complementary to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 7 or 15.

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- An isolated nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule having the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 9 under stringent conditions, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule has a sequence complementary to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 9.
- An isolated nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule having the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3 under stringent conditions, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule has a sequence complementary to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 3.
- An isolated nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule having the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NOS: 5 and 13 under stringent conditions, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule has a sequence complementary to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NOS: 5 and 13.
- An isolated nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes to the nucleic acid molecule having the nucleotide sequence as set forth in SEQ ID NO: 17 under stringent conditions, wherein said isolated nucleic acid molecule has a sequence complementary to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 17.
 - N 31. A host cell transformed or transfected with the vector of claim 19.
 - A host cell transformed or transfected with the vector of claim 20.
 - 33. A host cell transformed or transfected with the vector of claim 21.
 - A host cell transformed or transfected with the vector of claim 22.

47. The polypeptide according to claim 10, wherein said polypeptide comprises a serine/threonine kinase domain.

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- 48. The polypeptide according to claim 12, wherein said polypeptide comprises a serine/threonine kinase domain.
- 49. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 2, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) activin-binding activity, and
 - (iii) associates with an activin type II receptor.
- 50. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 4, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) activin-binding activity, and
 - (iii) associates with an activin type II receptor.
- 51. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 6, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) activin-binding activity, and
 - (iii) associates with an activin type II receptor.
- 52. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 8, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) activin-binding activity, and
 - (iii) associates with an activin type II receptor.

- $/_{\tau}$ 35. A host cell transformed or transfected with the vector of claim 23.
 - 36. A host cell transformed or transfected with the vector of claim 24.
 - 37. An isolated antibody which is specific for the polypeptide of claim 2.
 - 38. An isolated antibody which is specific for the polypeptide of claim 4.
 - 39. An isolated antibody which is specific for the polypeptide of claim 6.
 - 40. An isolated antibody which is specific for the polypeptide of claim 8.
 - 41. An isolated antibody which is specific for the polypeptide of claim 10.
 - 42. An isolated antibody which is specific for the polypeptide of claim 12.
 - 43. The polypeptide according to claim 2, wherein said polypeptide comprises a serine/threonine kinase domain.
 - The polypeptide according to claim 4, wherein said polypeptide comprises a serine/threonine kinase domain.
 - The polypeptide according to claim 6, wherein said polypeptide comprises a serine/threonine kinase domain.
 - The polypeptide according to claim 8, wherein said polypeptide comprises a serine/threonine kinase domain.

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- 58. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 8, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) having TGF-B binding activity, and
 - (iii) associating with TGF-II receptor.
- 59. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 10, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) having TGF-B binding activity, and
 - (iii) associating with TGF-II receptor.
- 60. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 12, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) having TGF-B binding activity, and
 - (iii) associating with TGF-II receptor.
- 61. The polypeptide according to claim 2, wherein said polypeptide is an activin receptor.
- 62. The polypeptide according to claim 4, wherein said polypeptide is an activin receptor.
- 63. The polypeptide according to claim 6, wherein said polypeptide is an activin receptor.
- 64. The polypeptide according to claim 8, wherein said polypeptide is an activin receptor.
- 65. The polypeptide according to claim 10, wherein said polypeptide is an activin receptor.
- 66. The polypeptide according to claim 12, wherein said polypeptide is an activin receptor.

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- 53. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 10, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) activin-binding activity, and
 - (iii) associates with an activin type II receptor.
- 54. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 12, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) activin-binding activity, and
 - (iii) associates with an activin type II receptor.
- 55. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 2, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) having TGF-B binding activity, and
 - (iii) associates with TGF-II receptor.
- 56. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 4, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) having TGF-B binding activity, and
 - (iii) associates with TGF-II receptor.
- 57. The isolated polypeptide according to claim 6, characterized as:
 - (i) having a serine/threonine kinase domain,
 - (ii) having TGF-B binding activity, and
 - (iii) associates with TGF-II receptor.

78. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 60% identical to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 17.

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- 67. The polypeptide according to claim 2, wherein said polypeptide is an TGF-type I receptor.
- 68. The polypeptide according to claim 4, wherein said polypeptide is an TGF-type I receptor.
- 69. The polypeptide according to claim 6, wherein said polypeptide is an TGF-type I receptor.
- 70. The polypeptide according to claim 8, wherein said polypeptide is an TGF-type I receptor.
- 71. The polypeptide according to claim 10, wherein said polypeptide is an TGF-type I receptor.
- 72. The polypeptide according to claim 12, wherein said polypeptide is an TGF-type I receptor.
 - 73. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 60% identical to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1 or 11.
 - 74. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 60% identical to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3.
 - 75. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 60% identical to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 5 and 13.
- 76. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 60% identical to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 7 and 15.
- 77. An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence which is at least 60% identical to the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 9.